

Zion Lutheran Church

September 6, 2026

Seeking Volunteers for Zion's Heritage Day Booth!

Zion will have a booth in front of the church for Heritage Day. We need volunteers to fill time slots between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is a great time to share and showcase all the ways that God is living and breathing in our congregation and town. Please consider spending part of your day representing Zion! Please talk to Sandy Bell or Pat McIntosh for more information. You can sign up on the Heritage Day easel outside the Chapel.

There will be no Saturday, 5 p.m. Worship Service on Heritage Day, September 26.

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 9/5

8:30 a.m. One God, One Voice
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
 9:30 a.m. AA Group
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship
 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday - 9/6

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Adult Class—Not God Enough
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Trip to Nutter's
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom

Monday - 9/7 Labor Day

Offices Closed

Tuesday—9/8

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare
 7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
 7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—9/9

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters

Thursday—9/10

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday - 9/11

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 9/12 KickOff Sunday, Bible Presentation, Blessing of Education Leaders

8:30 a.m. One God, One Voice
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
 9:30 a.m. AA Group
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday - 9/13 KickOff Sunday, Bible Presentation, Blessing of Education Leaders, FootPrints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Adult Class—Not God Enough
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Trip to Nutter's
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
 7:00 p.m. AA Group



**Sunday, September 13
at 10 a.m.**

Christian Education classes for all ages,
Cradle Roll to Adult Education

Adult Class

We meet in the back of the Chapel, Sundays at 10 a.m.— Sept. 6 through Oct. 18:
Not Good Enough: Why Your Small God Leads to Big Problems



Youth Group starts back up on September 6 with a trip to Nutter's in Sharpsburg for ice cream. Bring a friend!

Confirmation begins September 13

Bible Presentation - Sept. 13

We will be handing out new Bibles on Sunday, September 13 to all



Kindergarteners (and 1st and 2nd graders who haven't received one yet), 3rd graders and new Confirmation students. We will also have Bibles for adults too!

**WE GOT A
DAY OFF!**

The Next Date...
Monday, September 21
From 9-3 p.m.
with a trip to
Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch

And save the date...
Tuesday, Nov 3
(More details to follow closer to the date)

SCAN ME! >>>

**DAYOFF PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

This Day Off is **FREE** thanks to generous donations!
Open to Elementary, Middle and High School kids.
Lunch is included. Extra Chaperones are always needed and appreciated!!!!

JOY +50 (Just Older Youth) Luncheon



Join us for our next **JOY Luncheon** on the third Wednesday of the month, at 12 noon. Everyone in the Middletown Valley is welcome! The cost is \$10 per person. Call Alexa for reservations at 301-514-4479 by the Monday before the luncheon.

September 16-Miss Cleta Ahalt's Beefaroni. Jim Dent Hymn Sing.



Zion Heritage Day Luncheon - September 26, 2026

Desserts, Desserts and You or Just You are needed! **Your help would be greatly appreciated** to assist with Zion's Heritage luncheon or booth.

Please consider helping at our Heritage Day activities. **Even just for one hour, would be greatly appreciated.** Desserts needed for Heritage Day Luncheon: Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Brownies (see sign up by Office) ***Any questions, please call Deb Reichelt at the church at 301-371-6500 or email office@zionmiddletown.org***

Decorate a Window in the Sanctuary

On display Sept. 20 to Nov. 22



All are invited to join in decorating the windowsills in time for Heritage Day! Contact the Church Office to reserve your spot! Windows will be reserved on "first-come, first-served" basis. *See the Beacon for details!*

Did you know that the number one most needed item of the homeless is a clean pair of socks? People donating clothing rarely donate new socks. The homeless are susceptible to severe frostbite which could lead to amputation.

Zion Quilters are sponsoring a Socktoberfest drive for the month of October.

A box will be located near the Chapel at Zion for new clean packages of socks. All donations will be taken to the Religious Coalition for distribution to the needy.



**A Trip to Visit
Baltimore
Wednesday, October 14
Leaving Zion at 12 p.m.**

The cost of the trip is free except the cost of dinner.

The main place we will be visiting is The Walters Art Museum, but Pastor Matt is working on one or two others places before we head to the museum. After we finish walking around the art museum, we will walk 5 minutes down the block to Helmand for dinner. The Helmand is an Afghan restaurant and has really great reviews and comes highly rated.

Space is limited to 14 people so sign up today at the office!

Worship Services

Saturday: 5 p.m. Informal Worship

Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Christian Education: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Zion Worship Service Viewing Options:

To view our weekly recorded worship service any time during the week, you can just click on the webpage link at www.zionmiddletown.org and it will take you directly to the video. The link for the livestream of one service each week is on the website; click the link and it will take you directly to the video.

Save the Date:

Wooly Retreat 2026

Are you a knitter, crocheter or even sewer? Consider joining the knitters to craft hats that will be donated to the local cancer and hospice patients or make preemie hats. **Bring your own needles and yarn on November 7, 2026 from 9 to 3 p.m. at Mar-Lu-Ridge Potomac Lodge.** You can stay all day or leave when you want. Enjoy great fellowship and know that you are giving those cancer patients warmth and comfort. Contact Alexa Masser 301-514-4479 or Shelly Gladhill 301-788-7585 with questions.



Middletown Valley Food Bank

Food donations are needed now more than ever! Food items in

demand include: Canned tomatoes diced or crushed, Rice-a-Roni, Canned peas, Canned fruit, Sugar, Tea bags, Small cans of coffee, Crackers, jam or jelly, Jell-O or pudding mix, Salad dressing, Instant potatoes. Donations can be dropped off in the Ramp or taken directly to the Food Bank on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.



☀️ **Curious about our faith community? We'd love to connect with you! Scan the QR code to share your contact information, and we'll keep you updated on our events and activities. Join us in exploring a journey of faith, fellowship, and friendship. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms! ☀️**



Budget/Income Information-YTD as of July 31, 2026

YTD Actual Income \$296,466.

YTD Actual Expenses \$352,157.

YTD Actual Income is less expenses in June 2026 by -\$55,691.

June Noisy Offering to Lutheran Campus Ministry—\$239.75

July Noisy Offering to Middletown Volunteer Fire Dept. —\$422.85